

Amendments to the Abstract

Please amend the Abstract of the Disclosure as follows.

~~To provide an~~ An image recording apparatus and an image recording method ~~which can restrain occurrence of an ink stain and achieve reduction of time for printing in the case of both-side recording. The apparatus includes~~ utilize a setting unit variably setting a length of time between an end of recording on a first recording side (surface) of a recording medium and a start of recording on a second recording side (reverse side) of the recording medium in accordance with image data for recording on the first recoding side of the recording medium.